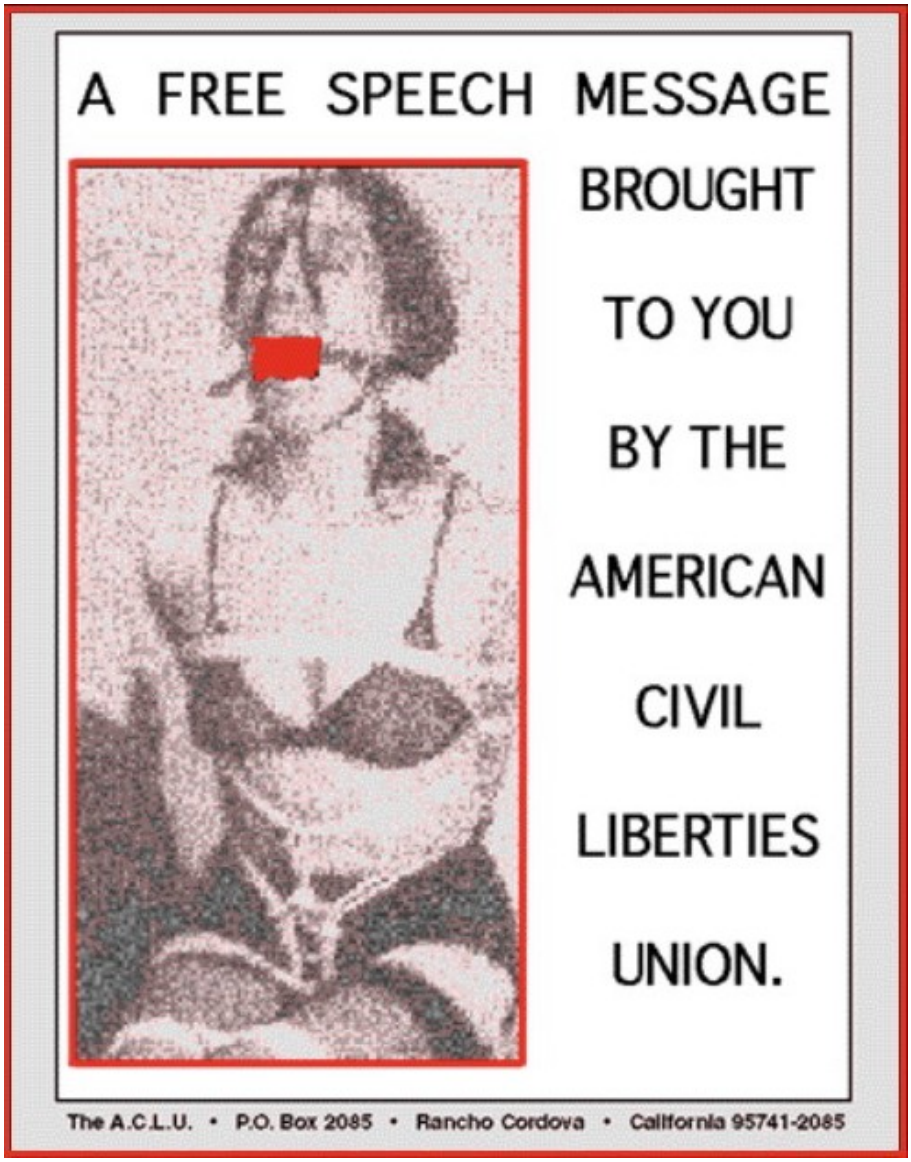

"A Free Speech Message Brought to You by the American Civil Liberties Union" graphic from the Always Causing Legal Unrest project.

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Always Causing Legal Unrest - Standalone Feminist Political Graphic

This graphic from Nikki Craft's Always Causing Legal Unrest project pairs sexualized imagery with the words "A Free Speech Message Brought to You by the American Civil Liberties Union." The design turns the language of protected expression into an accusation, linking the image to the institution whose free-speech positions were being challenged. A red block covers the woman's mouth, making silencing part of the visual argument.

Text on the Graphic

A FREE SPEECH MESSAGE
BROUGHT
TO YOU
BY THE
AMERICAN
CIVIL
LIBERTIES
UNION.
The A.C.L.U. • P.O. Box 2085 • Rancho Cordova • California 95741-2085

Relationship to the Always Causing Legal Unrest Collection

This work belongs to the longer Always Causing Legal Unrest history described in ACLU-00. It should be read alongside ACLU-08, “Bondage Is Not Sexual Liberation / Break Loose!,” and ACLU-02, the Pushing Buttons catalog. It also anticipates the central contradiction documented in ACLU-03 and ACLU-03a: a major civil-liberties institution celebrated expansive speech protections while threatening legal action against a feminist counter-acronym and political parody.

Dating and Source Note

No date appears on the graphic. The printed Rancho Cordova address places the surviving copy within Nikki Craft’s Rancho Cordova period, but the image itself does not establish a precise date. The supplied source image includes a black navigation area reading “BACK” beneath the graphic. The publication document displays the graphic itself; the original PNG is preserved unchanged in this folder.

Content Note

This historical graphic contains sexualized imagery used as part of a feminist criticism of pornography, silencing, and institutional free-speech politics.

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